

enactments of law, by usurpations, or oligarchy masquerading under the banner of democracy.

Two years ago the Democracy of South Carolina in convention assembled, calmly and without passion or prejudice, mapped out a course it would pursue, declared its platform and principles and directed its officials as to its policies. And in pursuance to its declarations the Chairman, the Executive Committeemen, its delegates to the National Convention, and its other officials have faithfully, honestly and fearlessly carried out those policies and principles. Those officials were at times booed and heckled and subjected to rebuffs in the performance of the tasks assigned them. In the discharge of their duties those representing the Party - State Executive Committeemen and County Chairmen - were haled into a Federal Court and actually in so many words threatened with a Federal prison. What shall we tell these men who have acquitted their stewardship with honor and faith? Shall we repudiate their actions? Shall we turn our backs upon them and disclaim our own directions? By the Immortal God who made me, I am sure I speak the sentiments of the noble people, the proud people of this State, when I say to them, "Well done, good and faithful men! From the stand you took there shall be no retreat!"

And those words, "No Retreat", should be the key note of this Convention.



All that we say and do here today can be put in concentrated form. All people of all parties can know exactly what our keynote is and exactly where we stand. In just two words that keynote is NO  
RETREAT!

At our last Convention and subsequently the South Carolina Democratic Party demonstrated to the Nation and to both Republican Party and National Democratic Party that this State was no longer "in the bag", that our people could still exercise independence of action on matters of broad policy, that by a concert of action the people of the South could actually become the balance of political power in National elections, and that we are now a factor to be considered both in party councils and national elections. I cannot picture any political party in a national election deliberately turning down electoral votes which may constitute the difference between success and failure in a country-wide election. I very much doubt that any future representatives of this organization will meet with the treatment accorded your delegates at Philadelphia last election year. Nor do I think that our presentation of the ideals and principles of government will again be jeered and hooted in a National Convention. After all, National Committees and National Party Chairman, and even candidates for President and Vice President are looking for electoral votes. If they want our votes it is pretty certain we at least will be permitted to take part in party



councils and espouse the policies and principles of government in which we believe. Our stand of two years ago publicized great principles and concepts of government and focused the attention of the people of the country in an emphatic way upon the inroads of Socialism upon the body politic and upon the national economy. At a time when both of the great political parties - and their respective candidates - were vying with one another to see which could out-do the other in advocacy of a totalitarian a police state, a socialistic state, a poor-house state, state, our voice was the real voice of America sounding a clarion call to preserve our constitutional form of government, to sustain our traditional way of life and battle the evil forces of socialism. And while we did not elect a President, we won a great victory, because in the minds of the people of America we planted the thoughts that even now are blocking socialistic programs. The thinkers of America are saying, "Thus far you have gone. No further shall you go!". Today in America our fight has the reds and the pinks on the run. Let's keep them running! Let there be no retreat!

In May 1948, awakened to the need of militant action to stem the onrushing tide of socialism which threatened (and still threatens) free America, the Democracy of this State calmly and dispassionately declared its platform of principles which for decades had been the cardinal foundation of the Democratic Party of this nation. We claimed then, and I proclaim today that the members of the Democratic Party of South Carolina



constitute the defenders of true democratic principles, the opponents of totalitarian rule, supporters of Constitutional government, and preservers of the ideals and concepts and traditions revered by our party for generations past. Succinctly and precisely we took our stand and proclaimed it to the World. No misunderstanding could possibly exist about where we stood. Nothing has happened in the past two years, so far as I know, that would cause us to change or to consider that we were wrong then; unless there are those here whose social concepts and election law predilections follow those of a Federal Judge of this State who, deserting the doctrines of his fore-fathers, advocates outside interference and Federal force to impose his will upon a people once free.

It is true we have had Court Orders. But undying principles cannot be changed by order of a court. It is true we have had a few hand-outs from Washington - very few - and we may get back some part - a small part - of the Federal taxes we pay in the form of grants or benefits. But these hand-outs or grants - a mess of pottage - cannot buy the souls of a free people. The trend toward Socialism has been accelerated some since then. The need today is perhaps greater for us to maintain and declare and militantly defend those principles, ideals and concepts and traditions. We cannot lightly brush aside the threat of a socialistic state.

Socialism inevitably leads to tyranny. Take the case



of Russia. Those who started the break from Czarist tyranny were old Socialists. They fought tyranny - but when Socialism was set in motion it grew into the most tyrannical government in human history - present day Russia.

This country was settled by those fleeing from tyranny and established to free us from tyrannical rule. Today it is our bounden duty to hold the line for the American way of life. First, we should recognize the presence of a creeping Socialist ~~#####~~ revolution and make our leaders not only recognize that fact but put a stop once and for all to any further advance to Socialistic laws and economic trends. We are the sovereign people. Let's make the Congress and the Judiciary and the Executive of our government get back to the Constitution and to the Declaration of Independence and the American way of life.

We told the world of our ideals and principles; on the ramparts of American life we hoisted our flag. We maintain the same ideals and principles today. If you will join me, I say, "There let it wave, and Long may it wave!" We make no retreat.

The people of America do not believe in socialized labor. They do believe in collective bargaining, the right of the laboring man to join together for the benefit of himself and his fellow laborers for their mutual benefit; they believe in individual freedom; and the people of America believe in free labor - not slave labor. When any party or the leadership of any party attempts to herd the working people of this country



into the corrals of a socialistic order, then is the time for warnings to be sounded. South Carolina Democracy today should tell the laboring people of America and their organizations that heed should be given to the signs of the times - the gradual drift of the United States into Socialism which will embrace labor as well as business. The examples of Nazi Germany, Facist Italy and Communist Russia disclose accurately where the laboring man will stand under Socialism.

The people of America do not believe in Socialized Medicine. They do believe in governmental public health activities to the extent that such shall preserve freedom of our people to choose their own doctors and hospitals and medical care and shall not interfere with the freedom of our surgeons and doctors to practice where, when and for what they please under the regulatory power of the States to prescribe their qualifications. Socialized Medicine is directly opposed to the fundamental concepts of Americanism. South Carolina Democracy today should tell the people of America that the time has come when these concepts of government are endangered and that the creeping progress of socialism will be advanced unless strong efforts to curb that progress is made. Do I have to give examples today of the dire results of socialized medicine? Look to any country where it has been tried.

The people of America do not believe in socialized business. They believe in free enterprise and individual initiative. When any leadership of a party or any government advocates laws or enactment of laws aimed directly at doing away with those beliefs, the



time has arrived for the business people of the nation to put forth every possible effort to prevent socialized business. In view of the trend of our national legislature to regiment the nation's business and circumscribe free enterprise and individual and corporate initiative, the Democratic Party of South Carolina should send out a call to the business people of America to combat with all of its force the advancing march of socialized business.

The American people do not believe in a Socialized State. They believe in democracy as that term is defined by the acts of the founding fathers of this country. When any party or its leadership or any official of our governmental set-up would, by act or deed, send America down the road to Socialism, a time of danger has arrived, and the Democratic Party of South Carolina should speak out to the people of the Nation words of warning with a call to join us in safe-guarding and perpetuating the representative democracy under which for nearly two centuries we have lived in happiness and prosperity.

Voicing the feelings of the great people of this State, I say that South Carolina's Democracy views with alarm these signs of a drift away from fundamental Americanism, and with all of our resources we dedicate ourselves and our Party to combat Socialism. We are doing this today; we should do this in all Party councils elsewhere and everywhere in the future. With sincerity we feel that the salvation of our government depends upon setting up a road block in the path of Socialism. We call on



the National Democratic Party to join in that effort, and all true Americans everywhere to do likewise. The fight transcends persons and parties. So today South Carolina Democracy gives to the nation a motto all can well adopt: "FIGHT SOCIALISM!"

Everyone, everywhere knows that if an individual spends more than he makes over a period of time he will go broke, and if a business spends more than it makes over a period of time, it will wind up broke. It does not require an economic expert to know that when a government spends more than it takes in, such government over a period of time will go broke. (Let me interpolate here that it seemingly does require an economic expert to decide otherwise.) Therefore, when it appears that the United States Government or a State Government undertakes over a period of time, in a time of peace, a planned system of deficit financing, it embarks upon dangerous seas, and we would not be true to our concepts of honesty if we withheld our disapproval of any such program. Today the Democracy of South Carolina should view with alarm and condemn deficit financing, and our representatives in the Congress and the State Legislature should be told of our views.

In line with our views, those truly representing the South in the Congress many times find themselves aligned against legislative proposals of the present national administration. On this account, we are called conservative and even reactionary, although in fact we are the true liberals, in the traditional meaning of the term. Because we have



dared to fight for the historic doctrines and principles of the great Democratic Party, we have been referred to as Dixiecrats by the hatchet men and character assassins of the matley crew who have temporarily captured our party. The term Dixiecrat is nothing more nor less than a smear word, designed to obscure the unanswerable logic and reason of our stand by a base effort to create sectional prejudice. We repudiate the term, and proudly reaffirm our faith in and adherence to the traditions and beliefs of the great Democratic leaders and standard bearers who have gone before us.

It is true that we have not blindly followed radical proposals or radical leadership. If a party or a person advocates measures or men which we regard as Un-American, or Socialistic, we would be craven cowards to forsake our ideals. We fought within the National Party for states rights, under whatever name called. Within the National Party we battled for state sovereignty, free enterprise, local home rule, and for the preservation of



Constitutional government. We waged that fight in the National Convention after first telling the National Committee that we would not abandon the old line Democratic principles and ideals carried in the platforms of the Party for many, many years. There was no misapprehension of our stand when we participated in the Convention at Philadelphia. In the following national election we invoked and exercised our ~~gikk~~ right to vote for the pre-announced program. We carried our fight to that election and established to all and everyone that the Democratic Party of South Carolina stands for State Sovereignty, home rule, and Constitutional government. We maintain that should the National Party tell us to stick our heads into the fires of socialism, we do not have to obey such a demand. We still possess freedom and are not abject slaves to the forces of evil that would shackle us to a socialistic order. And from that stand, I say there should be no retreat.

The older members of our Party know why the dual form of government here was adopted, with the States, originally separate and independent republics, surrendering certain rights to the Federal government and retaining and reserving all other rights to themselves. However, they should tell the large number of new voters of the great purpose of the founding fathers, which was to create a government of divided powers to prevent autocratic rule, to prevent tyranny, to prescribe home rule or local self-government, to preserve for posterity that freedom and liberty which they had bought and paid for in human



blood. The old and new members of our Party should remember the conception of George Washington that the balanced powers constituted a system of "reciprocal checks" which was necessary; should remember that Jefferson said that "support of State Governments in all of their rights" was the "surest bulwark" against anti-republican tendencies' and that Franklin Roosevelt said. "We are safe from the danger of any departure from the principles upon which this country was founded just so long as independent home rule of the States is scrupulously preserved" - and he added, "and fought for whenever it seems in danger".

Until recently the old Democratic Party has followed the States Rights line and but for a few of the ilk of Humphreys we think would have followed the States Rights line two years ago.

The South Carolina Democratic Party adhered to the States Rights line two years ago. From that commendable stand for the preservation of our great form of government, there should today be "No Retreat!"

Those in high places have brought about bloc government in the place of party government in this country through their bartering for votes of one kind or another. In pursuing this policy, they have cynically sought to stir up the fires of racial and sectional prejudices. Two years ago, we knew that there were those in the party who advocated the enactment of laws such as F.E.P.C., removing all separation of the races in our places of business and other laws removing all separation of the races in schools and colleges. We found that there were those who by executive edict would "integrate" the white and negro races in



the armed forces. But until recently we never thought any Democrat would declare that any and all separation of the races constitutes discrimination and is unlawful. Such has happened.

Article 3, Section 33, of South Carolina's Constitution says "The marriage of a white person with a negro or mulatto--- shall be unlawful and void." There are those who even approve intermarriage of whites and negroes, and contend for the annulment of this provision of our Constitution. For the record let it be said that in Columbia at high noon on April 19, 1950, the keynoter of the Democratic Convention with all of the emphasis at his command said that the Democrats of this proud State repudiate any such principle, frown upon any such efforts, and militantly declare our intention to uphold our State Constitution.

We do not believe that the informed negroes of this State advocate doing away with the constitutional provisions against intermarriage, or the abrogation of separation of the races.

For many years the white and negro races have lived in South Carolina in peace and harmony. The better elements of both races have worked hard to improve the lots in life of both races. Great headway has been made by both. Both want to preserve the racial purity of each. Outside agitators, for purely selfish political reasons, seek to stir up racial prejudices and animosities. We condemn such efforts and declare our belief that social and educational separation is not discriminatory. On May 19th, 1948 the South Carolina Democratic Convention in its Platform and its Principles said

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"We believe in the social and educational separation of the races".

From that stand there shall be No Retreat.

We have been insulted with a civil disturbance program, erroneously labeled a "civil rights plan". We were outraged by the threats of of "force bills" which violated our conceptions of freedom as guaranteed to us under the Constitution. All separation of races is sought to be declared discrimination; even our laws respecting intermarriage of whites and negroes being threatened with annulment. And those insults and outrages are still being heaped upon the people of the South. These things have happened before. Our political institutions have been assailed before. We have faced perilous ordeals before. Bayonets of Federal soldiers have been crossed over our ballot boxes in the past. But never yet have our heads been bowed in shame; never yet have we truckled even in defeat.

And though we may be deserted by an errant National party leadership - and Federal Courts attempt to control our elections - yet we face the problems confronting us with courage and faith that right and justice will finally triumph. Under God, the Author of Liberty, we still stand for the individual freedom and personal dignity of the American Citizen.